

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT)
APPLICATION OF VERIZON DELAWARE)
LLC, (F/K/A VERIZON DELAWARE INC.))
AND TALK AMERICA SERVICES, LLC FOR)
APPROVAL OF AN) **PSC DOCKET NO. 15-1712**
INTERCONNECTION/RESALE)
AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION)
252(e) OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
ACT OF 1996 (SUBMITTED DECEMBER 17,)
2015; FILED JANUARY 5, 2016)**

**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION
AGREEMENT UNDER THE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on January 5, 2016, Verizon Delaware LLC, f/k/a Verizon Delaware Inc. (“Verizon”), and Talk America Services, LLC, (“Talk America” and collectively with Verizon, the “Applicants”) filed a joint application requesting the Public Service Commission (“Commission”) to approve a negotiated Interconnection/Resale Agreement (“Agreement”).

The pertinent provisions of the Agreement include:

- Compensation for Reciprocal Compensation Traffic at rates specified in the Agreement
- Unbundled loops – providing Talk America Services, LLC access to all existing Verizon Delaware LLC customers based on the rate methodology specified in the Agreement
- Customers to retain their telephone numbers when they switch to Talk America Services, LLC subject to future Commission determination of a method of interim number portability cost recovery consistent with any final FCC or Commission determination on such funding mechanisms
- Including Talk America Services, LLC’s customers’ primary listings in the same manner as those of Verizon Delaware LLC’s customers’ listings in directories and directory assistance
- The resale of Verizon telecommunications services for a wholesale discount of 16.0% or 20.0% depending upon whether Talk America provides its own operator services
- The provision of 911 services to all customers

Any person who wishes to protest or to comment upon this application must do so in a written document filed with the Commission and served upon the Applicants on or before January 28, 2016. Comments should focus on the criteria for review set forth in 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A) and whether the Agreement is consistent with applicable state law, regulation, or policy. In the absence of any good faith protest, the Commission will allow the Agreement to become effective on February 23, 2016.

The Commission's mailing address for the filing of any protests or comments is:

Delaware Public Service Commission
861 Silver Lake Boulevard
Cannon Building, Suite 100
Dover, Delaware 19904
Attention: PSC Docket No. 15-1712

The Applicants' mailing addresses are:

Verizon Delaware LLC
c/o Bonnie Metz
901 Tatnall Building, 2nd Floor
Wilmington, DE 19801
(302) 576-1135 (facsimile)

Talk America Services, LLC
Executive Center Drive, Benton Building
Suite 300
Little Rock, AK 72211

You are invited to review the Applicants' filed application and supporting documents to determine how your interest may be affected by going to DelaFile (<http://delafile.delaware.gov>), the Commission's e-filing management system, and searching for Docket No. 15-1712.

Additionally, copies of the application are available for public inspection at the Commission's Dover office at the address given above during the regular business hours of the Commission. If you would like to review documents at the Commission's offices, please contact Toni Loper at toni.lover@state.de.us to arrange a time for your review. You may also review copies of the Applicants' filed application and supporting documents at the office of the Division of the Public Advocate located at 29 South State Street, Dover, DE 19904. Please call (302) 241-2555 to arrange for a time to review the documents at that location.

If you wish to request copies of documents in this matter, you must submit a written request to the Commission either by mail, fax, hand-delivery, or filling in the online FOIA request form located at the Delaware Department of State's website: <https://delafile.delaware.gov/Complaints/FOIA.aspx>

Any individual with a disability who wishes to participate in this matter or to review the Applicants' filed application or supporting documents should contact the Commission to discuss any auxiliary aids or services needed to facilitate such review or participation. Such contact may be in person, by writing, or telephonically (including the use of the Telecommunications Relay Service). The Commission's toll-free telephone number (within Delaware) is 800-282-8574. Persons with any disability who have questions may also contact the Commission by either text-telephone ("TT") or regular telephone at 302-736-7500.